

HOUSE RESOLUTION 121

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A RESOLUTION to honor Harold Crye and Dick Leike, Co-Founders of Crye-Leike, Realtors, and to congratulate them upon receiving the Carnival Memphis Chairman's Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community and business leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, two such noteworthy persons are Harold Crye and Dick Leike, Co-Founders of Crye-Leike, Realtors, who were recently honored with the Carnival Memphis Chairman's Award; and

WHEREAS, Messrs. Crye and Leike exemplify leadership and innovation within the real estate industry; the Chairman's Award recognizes these gentlemen for their dedication to the growth and development of local communities and the real estate industry; and

WHEREAS, the Crye-Leike success story began in Memphis in December of 1976, when long-time friends Harold Crye and Dick Leike committed as partners to build a new real estate company that would be results-oriented and professional, and would provide superior service "above and beyond" that provided by other real estate companies; and

WHEREAS, Crye-Leike, Realtors began operations one year later; since then, it has grown substantially and is now ranked as the 13th largest full-service real estate company in the nation and the largest serving Tennessee and the Mid-South; and

WHEREAS, Messers Crye and Leike are lauded as innovators in commission structure and marketing, and are credited with bringing order and consolidation to an unstructured industry; and

WHEREAS, through the leadership and vision of Messrs. Crye and Leike, the firm now has a network of over 2,300 sales associates and 600 support staff working among 62 branch offices, located in 33 counties throughout a six-state region in Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Georgia, Kentucky, and Florida; and

WHEREAS, Harold E. Crye graduated from Arkansas State University in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration; after several years in corporate management, he decided to enter the real estate industry in 1973 as the Sales Manager for a firm in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, three years later, he decided to establish his own company with the assistance of his partner, Dick Leike; within three more years, Crye-Leike, Realtors was the largest real estate firm in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Messrs. Crye and Leike have since added a number of divisions to Crye-Leike, Realtors, and Mr. Crye currently serves as the President of Crye-Leike Insurance Agency; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crye holds the professional designations of certified residential specialist and certified real estate brokerage manager; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, he has served the real estate industry and the Memphis business community with great distinction: he currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Memphis Better Business Bureau, the First Trust Bank for Savings, Realty Title, and RELO International; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crye has also served as President of the Memphis Area Association of Realtors, and he was selected by the Association as its Realtor of the Year for 1992; and

WHEREAS, he has also served his community well, as charter President of the Germantown Jaycees and the Germantown Exchange Club, and as President of the Chickasaw Council Boy Scouts of America in 1991, in which position he was honored with the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth; he is also a VIP of the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service to the people of Memphis and Tennessee, Mr. Crye has also served this great nation as an officer in the United States Army, he was stationed at Fort Lee, Virginia, from 1967 to 1969; and

WHEREAS, Dick Leike graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Georgia State University; and

WHEREAS, since co-founding Crye-Leike, Realtors in 1976, he has been involved in numerous levels of the Memphis Area Association of Realtors, and is a Life Member of its Multi-Million Dollar Club; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his exemplary work with Crye-Leike, Realtors, he has generously donated his time and remarkable talents to the Mid-South business community as Director of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce, Director of Victory Bank, Advisory Board Member of the Germantown Methodist Hospital, HUD Regional Advisory Council Member, Director of First Trust Bank for Savings, Director of the Tennessee Association of Realtors, and as a member of the Leadership Memphis Class of 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leike has served his community with distinction as President of the Germantown Kiwanis Club, President of the Germantown Arts Association, and Director of Senior Services; and

WHEREAS, he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife and two daughters; and

WHEREAS, Harold Crye and Dick Leike epitomize the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of true Tennesseans, and they should be specially recognized; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Messrs. Crye and Leike for their dedication to the State of Tennessee and its ever-growing real estate industry; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Harold Crye and Dick Leike upon their brilliant careers in real estate, congratulate them upon winning the Carnival Memphis Chairman's Award, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.